(c) whether Government propose to ban the use of such dyes in the larger interests of people to enable them to live healthier life; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The warning was aimed at cautioning the people about the possible harmful effects of water colours and dry colours on human beings and problems created by the presence of colour dyes in sewage or in case of their excessive discharge even in fresh water bodies.

(c) and (d) Government propose to continue and intensify public education and awareness campaign to curtail common use of colours and/or their discharge in sewage system. Standards have been laid down for effluents of 31 specific industries including presence of acids colour and harmful/ toxic substances. Besides, the Government have already made the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989, under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 in which handling and disposal of wastes from dye and dye intermediates containing inorganic and organic chemical compounds have been covered. In this so far, all dye and dye intermediates containing benzidine and its derivatives have been prohibited for 'handling'.

Launching of Insat-ID Satellite

952. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch INSAT-ID satellite during this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the launching of this satellite would bring any useful results for the progress of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what amount is expected to be spent on the launching of INSAT-ID?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) INSAT-ID Satellite is scheduled to be launched in June, 1990 from Kennedy Space Centre, Florida, USA.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It will provide continuity of INSAT-I services viz., domestic long-distance telecommunications, meteorological earth observation and data relay, nationwide direct satellite TV broadcasting to augmented community TV receivers in rural and remote areas, nationwide radio and TV programme distribution for re-broadcasting through terrestrial transmitters, and TV and radio programme and news feed assembly from various locations.

(e) The approved cost of INSAT-ID Programme including Spacecraft, Launch and Augmentation of Master Control Facility is Rs. 192.19 crores.

Manufacture of Fighter Planes by Pakistan

953. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem which appeared in 'the Hindustan Times', dated the 2nd March, 1990 under the caption "Pak plans to manufacture fighter planes";